

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 9, 2022*

Location: *RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber*

Convened: *11:05 AM*

Adjourned: *12:00 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Thompson-CH, Gerhold-VC, Running-Marquardt-RM, Graber, Hansen, Judge, Latham, McConkey, Sorensen

Absent:

Excused:

Chairman Thompson called the Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee to order at 11:05 AM.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Thompson gave opening remarks and introduced Beth Townsend, Director, Iowa Workforce Development ("IWD").

Director Townsend outlined the missions and objectives of IWD and gave an overview of the agency's leadership structure. Director Townsend provided a recap of the pandemic's impact on IWD and provided an overview of how the agency responded. Director Townsend provided figures of benefits paid and described various programs and strategies the agency uses to connect prospective workers with employers. Director Townsend outlined IWD's projected budgetary needs.

Following the presentation, Legislators asked questions and there was discussion.

With no further business to come before the Economic Development Committee, Representative Latham moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm.

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Representative Phil Thompson

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Henry Widen , Committee Secretary